

# Senate District R

## Mike Yourkowski, Democrat



**DATE OF BIRTH:** August 26, 1952  
**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Renton, Washington  
**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Renae Blanton  
**CHILDREN:** Cameron, Ella  
**RESIDENCE ADDRESS:** 3059 Kachemak Drive  
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**OCCUPATION:** Marine Contractor

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 18 years  
Homer 1986-Present

**EDUCATION:**  
Lake Washington High School, Kirkland,  
Washington, 1966-68; McNary High School, Salem,  
Oregon, 1968-70; Oregon State University, Corvallis,  
Oregon, 1971-74.

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Homer City Council, 1998-Present; Homer Planning  
Commission, 1992-1998; Homer Town Square  
Committee, 1999-2002; Beach Policy Task Force, 2002-  
2003; Road Standards Committee, 2003-Present.

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Owner: Research Vessels of Alaska, Inc, 1213 Ocean  
Drive; Past Owner: F/V Kittiwake II (halibut, black cod,  
tender); First Choice Charters (Deer Hunting on  
Kodiak); Dockside Charters, Restaurant (Fishing in  
Homer); Katmai Coastal Tours (Bear viewing in Katmai);  
AST Travel (Travel Agency).

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Family, Travel, Wooden boats, Home Construction.

### **OTHER:**

My wife, Renae, is a Family Nurse Practitioner in  
Homer and a former Lieutenant Commander in the  
Navy. My son, Cameron, works for the legislature.  
My daughter, Ella, is learning how to walk and is  
beautiful.

### **STATEMENT:**

We can all agree that change is needed in Juneau.  
Change cannot happen if we continue to elect the  
same people. We need new people in Juneau, new  
ideas and a new direction for Alaska. I love Alaska,  
believe in its future and want to do my part to protect  
and improve our state. Let's work together on the fol-  
lowing issues:

**Fund Quality Education Based on the Needs of  
Each Community.** Empower the leaders of tomorrow  
and reevaluate funding formulas.

**Hands Off the PFD.** Our children's PFD should not  
be funding government; they'll do their share when  
they grow up.

**Improve Our Commercial Fisheries.** Research and  
habitat protection encourages economic development.

**Keep Our Promises to Our Seniors.** An income  
based Longevity Bonus should be restored.

**Increase Local Job Opportunities.** Promote clean  
and sustainable industries.

**Respect Our Military and Veterans.** My wife served  
as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy. I under-  
stand the sacrifices of our veterans.

**Restore Balance and Open Debate.** We need sensi-  
ble, limited government that respects local concerns.

Alaska is blessed with a bounty of resources and  
wealth. There is plenty for all. We do need to fix our  
financial problems - but not at the expense of our chil-  
dren and seniors. I have been involved in govern-  
ment for twelve years and have learned that public  
service is about honesty, hard work and a genuine  
concern for what is right for all Alaskans. Your vote  
will help bring these values to the State Senate.  
Thank you.

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